

Greenways and Trails Council Meeting –Jan 9, 2020

Minutes taken by: Hannah Smith

- Meeting called to order- 10:01 am by Tony Black
- Motion to accept the minutes- Bob Yarborough 1st, Jill Holland 2nd. Minutes approved
- Members Present: Tony Black, Bridget Jones, Joanne Mitchell, Patty Schultz, Dave Halstead, Dr. Rick Harris, Jill Holland, Bob Yarborough.
 - o Advisory Members: Jane Polansky, Gerald Parish, Michael Meister, Shawn Bible, Jody Sliger, Gary Fottrell
- Michael Meister- Presentation: Mechanized Trail Design Basics
 - o Slide show from Meister attached
- SCORP- Bridget – *will send out follow up email regarding ideas and additions to SCORP to Bridget. *
 - o Ch. 1- add recreation in somewhere
 - Send Jane greenways and trails studies from within 5 years
 - Add economics of Blue-ways per patty- add into plan
 - TN-ECD rural development best practices- good resource
 - Add Health into agency list, TWRA, TVA, TN-AG(forestry)
 - o Ch. 2-Descriptions of Trail Facilities
 - Add Recreational use to Blue-ways Definition
 - o Ch. 3- Economic Development
 - Look at TNSP economic impact report when it is completed
 - South Knoxville urban wilderness economic development
 - Jackson TN project
 - Gov awards- check in both programs
 - Johnson city economic impact
 - Could add more focal points- Jodi will look into this, additions are requested
 - Sports tourism- ball tournament tourism?- Parks and Recreation focus point?
 - Green county best practice- tennis complex, economic impact as well
 - o Ch. 4-Community development
 - Trail town/Main street office-
 - Damascus VA, Erwin, Delonaga GA, Tellico Plains,
 - Talent Attraction- East Nashville, Crosstown/ Overton, Memphis
 - Event Attractions- Geo-Tourism (come home to Mountains, Main-Street Johnson city), OHV Fall Fest at Wind Rock events, Wind Rock(cycling)
 - Dave- Mountain Biking Information
 - BOB- OHV information
 - o Ch. 5-Health and Active Living
 - Sarah Cox to take over with assistance of health and active living initiative info
 - HPHP- add focus point

- Trail inventory–Dept. Health. To be determined
 - Generational Impacts- focal point?
 - Ch. 6- Environmental Features /Land Conservation
 - Wildlife corridors- Harmon Den-NC, Newport/DelRio area
- Send pictures, Ideas, research to support to Bridget
- RTP Updates-
 - Rails to trails no go currently- no time for process
 - About \$3m to fund
- Council Business-
 - Jane Retiring as of Jan 31st
 - Commissioner Reorganization of G&T Council:
 - Reduce Council to 9 members- 3 each region
 - Want to encourage getting involved-
 - 3 people committees-
 - RTP Track Plan committee-Develop SCORP
 - Forum Committee-2021- help plan upcoming forum
 - Review of RTP Manual & Scoring criteria committee
 - Planning grants for distressed counties
 - Quorum will be 5 members
 - Next meeting: will be decided after reorganization
- Motion to Adjourn: Jill Holland 1st, 2nd by Tony Black.